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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12/20/05.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 9-18, 20, 21, 23-32, 34-36, 38-48, 50-58, 60 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9-18, 20, 21, 23-32, 34-36, 38-48, 50-58 and 60 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 18 December 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claims 9, 20 and 39 objected to because of the following informalities: The acronym "DSLAM" needs to be spelled out. Appropriate correction is required.

Claims 9, 20, 28, 35, 39 and 52 objected to because of the following informalities: The acronym "DSLAM-C" and "DSLAM-R" needs to be spelled out. Appropriate correction is required.

Claims 28, is objected to because of the following informalities: The acronym "CLT" needs to be spelled out. Appropriate correction is required.

Claims 9-11, 15-18, 20,21, 23-25, 29, 30, 34, 35, and 38 are objected to because of the following informalities: The claims contain the clause "adapted to" which is not limiting in scope. Language that suggests or makes optional but does not require steps to be performed or does not limit a claim to a particular structure does not limit the scope of a claim or claim limitation. Therefore appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

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Claims 9-14, 17, 18, 20, 21, 23-28, 31, 32, 34, 35, 38-44, 47, 48, 50, 52-54, 57, 58, and 60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Zitting et al (US006584148B1).

Regarding claims 9, 20, 23, 35, 39 and 52, Zitting discloses a Remote Test Unit (RTU) (see Fig. 1, remote test interface 36 at customer premises 30), comprising:

- a logic circuitry adapted to emulate a central Digital Subscriber Line Modem (DSLAM-C) for testing customer premises equipment containing a remote Digital Subscriber Line Modem (DSLAM-R) (see Fig. 1, col 1 lines 60-67, col 3 lines 1-20, the co-location cage 29 contains the logic circuitry with DSLAM 28 that contains one or more DSL modems to format the incoming DSL signals for transmission, the DSL signals are then passed to the remote test interface 36 at customer premises which is passed to the customer DSL modem 39);

- and a DSLAM-R for testing central offices equipment including a Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer (DSLAM) containing a DSLAM-C (See Fig. 1, col 2 lines 5-20, the local management device 26 manages the DSL signals within the central office equipment);

- a Digital Subscriber Line Modem Central/Remote (DSLAM-C/R) test head connected to the logic circuitry for connecting the logic circuitry to the DSLAM-R and for completing the logic circuitry to the DSLAM-C (see Fig. 1, a NID device is connected to the customer premises for providing the interface to the logic circuitry carrying voice and data signals between the NID and the RTU, the NID can also act as a test head that interfaces with the RTU. In the field of telecommunications testing, it has heretofore

been known to provide an expensive and complicated test head for physically coupling with the line under test. The technician physically connects the known test head to the telecommunications line. These known test heads include various electronic circuits for coupling with the line under test, as well as a computer hard-wired thereto. The computer allows the technician to perform various tests on the line).;

- logic circuitry is further adapted to test an ISO/OSI layer connected to the DSLAM, the ISO/OSI layer is selected from the group consisting of a network layer, a transport layer, a session layer, a presentation layer and an application layer (see Figs. 1 & 2, Controller card 110 controls loop access cards 140 and enables management and testing of the communication lines 25 and 27 (and of communication path 40, of which lines 25 and 27 are a part) coupled to each loop access card 140. DSL signals are communicated between DSLAM 28 and DSL modem 39 using a communication path 40. Communication path 40 includes communication line 42 and the other communication lines or other electrical connections between DSLAM 28 and DSL modem 39. Existing communication links utilized for linking standard telecommunications systems generally comprise computing software that executes and assembles OSI layers 3-7 and transmission hardware that executes OSI layers 1-2. Thus any DSL tester meets the requirements for testing OSI layer since the tester will test parameters corresponding to at least one of the OSI layers 3-7).

Further with respect to claims 20, 23, 35 and 52, Zitting also discloses

- a copper loop testing (CLT) test head connected to the logic circuitry for connecting the logic circuitry to the customer premises equipment; and wherein: the

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logic circuitry is further adapted to perform copper loop testing on a first connection between the logic circuitry and the customer premises equipment (see Figs. 1 & 2. col 3 lines 19-22, col 5 lines 45-55, col 6 lines 35-40, copper loop wiring 25, 27 may be connected to a test head as appropriate for testing of the copper lines between the central office and customer premises, furthermore, a first line 25 may be tested that is coupled to say pin #1 and pin #2 to the customer premises interface 142 of Fig. 2);

-a plurality of test ports; and an internal/access matrix connected to the plurality of test ports for selectively connecting the DSLM-C/R test head and the CLT test head to the plurality of test ports (see Fig. 2, the loop management device shows a plurality of test ports 142, 144 and an internal matrix 112, 146 that are connected to the test ports that further connect to a DSLx and test head as appropriate for testing of the lines and modems. Controller card 110 is coupled to the relay matrix 146 of each loop access card 140 using one or more test buses 152. In one embodiment, a relay matrix 112 of controller card 110 is coupled to test buses 152 to control access to test buses 152 by the other components of controller card 110. Since the signals transmitted between DSLAM 28 and customer premises 30 over communication lines 25 and 27 pass through a loop access card 140, controller card 110 is capable of controlling the transmission of these signals and capable of testing communication path 40 over which the signals are transmitted, see col 6 lines 8-34.).

Regarding claims 10, and 24, Zitting discloses the logic circuitry is adapted to emulate a DSLM-R for testing central offices equipment including a Digital Subscriber Line Access Multiplexer (DSLAM) containing a DSLM-C; and the DSLM-C/R test head

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connects the logic circuitry to the DSLM-C (see Fig. 1, the DSL signals are communicated between DSLAM 28 and DSL modem 39 using a communication path 40. Communication path 40 includes communication line 42 and the other communication lines or other electrical connections between DSLAM 28 and DSL modem 39. Under normal operating circumstances, the DSL signals are communicated substantially unaltered between DSLAM 28 and DSL modem 39. However, as described below, loop management device 26 and remote test interface 36 may interrupt the transmission of the DSL signals to test and otherwise manage the DSL service provided over communication path 40.).

Regarding claims 11, 25, 41 Zitting discloses a copper loop testing (CLT) test head connected to the logic circuitry for connecting the logic circuitry to the customer premises equipment; and wherein: the logic circuitry is further adapted to perform copper loop testing on a first connection between the logic circuitry and the customer premises equipment (see Figs. 1 & 2. col 3 lines 19-22, col 5 lines 45-55, col 6 lines 35-40, copper loop wiring 25, 27 may be connected to a test head as appropriate for testing of the copper lines between the central office and customer premises, furthermore, a first line 25 may be tested that is coupled to say pin #1 and pin #2 to the customer premises interface 142 of Fig. 2)

Regarding claims 12, 26, 42, 53, Zitting discloses a plurality of test ports; and an internal matrix connected to the plurality of test ports for selectively connecting the DSLM-C/R test head and the CLT test head to the plurality of test ports (see Fig. 2, the loop management device shows a plurality of test ports 142, 144 and an internal matrix

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112, 146 that are connected to the test ports that further connect to a DSLx and test head as appropriate for testing of the lines and modems).

Regarding claims 13, 27, 43 Zitting discloses test ports connected to a multiplexer (see Figs. 1 & 2, LMD 26 connecting ports 142 144 to the DSLAM 28).

Regarding claims 14, 28, 44, 54, Zitting discloses short loop testing (see Fig. 8).

Regarding claims 17, 18, 31, 32, 47, 48, 57 and 58 Zitting discloses general DSL service connection and testing of the circuit lines between central office and customer end points (see Fig. 1), one skilled in the art will appreciate, an ISP is easily incorporated for broadband data transmissions that uses dial-up, dsl and other communications means to transfer desired data and also voice).

Regarding claims 38, 40, 50 and 60 Zitting discloses a plurality of test ports; and an internal/access matrix connected to the plurality of test ports for selectively connecting the DSLM-C/R test head and the CLT test head to the plurality of test ports (see Fig. 2, the loop management device shows a plurality of test ports 142,144 and an internal matrix 112, 146 that are connected to the test ports that further connect to a DSLx and test head as appropriate for testing of the lines and modems. Controller card 110 is coupled to the relay matrix 146 of each loop access card 140 using one or more test buses 152. In one embodiment, a relay matrix 112 of controller card 110 is coupled to test buses 152 to control access to test buses 152 by the other components of controller card 110. Since the signals transmitted between DSLAM 28 and customer premises 30 over communication lines 25 and 27 pass through a loop access card 140, controller card 110 is capable of controlling the transmission of these signals and

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capable of testing communication path 40 over which the signals are transmitted, see col 6 lines 8-34.).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 15, 16, 21, 29, 30, 36, 45, 46, 51, 55, and 56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zitting et al (US006584148B1) in view of Adams Jr. et al. (US005444782A).

Zitting discloses a system and method for testing digital subscriber lines between central offices and plurality of customer premises (see Fig. 1).

Zitting fails disclose a concentrator with a multiplexer and router thereto.

Adams discloses a concentrator with a multiplexer and router (see col 11 lines 19-35, a computer network encryptor decryptor device incorporates (CNEDD) plurality of devices including a concentrator, router, multiplexer etc.). The use of combined circuitry for a concentrator, router, etc. allows for secure transmission of files from remote locations to a modem.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made incorporate a CNEDD within Zitting so as to provide for secure transmission of files from remote locations to a modem.

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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 9-18, 20, 21, 23-32, 34-36, 38-48, 50-58, 60 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

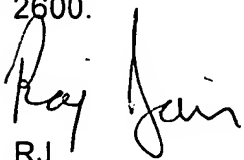
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Raj Jain whose telephone number is 571-272-3145.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy Vu can be reached on 571-272-3155. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (571) 273-8300 for regular communications and (571) 273-8300 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raj Jain".

RJ

February 27, 2006